

History

History at St Andrew's School is taught to all the children as a distinct subject throughout the school. In the Years 1 & 2, the children are taught by their form teachers, while, Years 3- 8, the subject is taught by a specialist teacher. The department makes regular use of ICT in its teaching and learning of the subject.

In the process of exploring history we aim to develop the following skills and attributes:

- A love for the subject that will last long after they leave St. Andrew's
- An understanding of how events and characters in the past have helped to shape society today
- An understanding of how British history links with that of other European and world countries
- An appreciation of how and why some aspects of the past are subject to different interpretations
- A knowledge of what past societies were like, how these societies organised themselves and what beliefs and cultures influenced people's actions
- The ability to reflect on personal choices, attitudes and values
- The ability to use evidence, weigh it up and reach conclusions
- Develop a chronological framework
- Develop a range of enquiry-based skills in order to understand how people in the past lived their lives, and compare and contrast this with contemporary lifestyles
- Develop the ability to organise and communicate historical knowledge and understanding orally, visually and in writing using appropriate techniques and vocabulary

Throughout the academic year the department hosts a number of 'fun' events in which history comes alive. These include the following:

Year 5 Medieval Banquet: Lots of good messy fun, dressing up, dancing, jousting and medieval tale telling and music.

History Day: This involves the whole of the main school. The Bowman from Warwick Castle acts out demonstrations of archery and military exploits. Not for the faint-hearted!

Worst Jobs in History – Year 6 perform presentations on the worst jobs throughout history. Makes us realise how lucky we are today!

A Day at an Elizabethan School –

Year 3 dress up in Tudor costume and take class as children would in an Elizabethan grammar school. How times have changed!

Hastings & Agincourt battle re-enactments –

Years 6 and 7 bring the tactics and horrors of these famous battles to life on the fields of St. Andrew's school.